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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 18 are pending in this application.

Claims 19 – 28 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1 – 18 have been allowed.

Claims 19 – 28 have been rejected.

Claims 19, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 26 have been objected to.

Entry of Amendment

Entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116, amendment after final, is respectfully requested.

Entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116 (b)(1) is requested because the amendment only cancels claims. Further, entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.116 (d)(1) is requested because the claims cancelled do not affect the scope of any other pending claim. None of claims 1 – 18 are dependent on canceled claims 19 – 28.

This Amendment cancels all rejected claims, leaving only claims already allowed. This Amendment raises no substantive issues since only allowed claims remain.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 19 – 28 have been canceled without prejudice.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 19, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 26 have been objected to because of informalities.

The cancellation of claims 19, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 26 render the objections to these claims moot.

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Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 19 – 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,285,897 ("Kilcoyne et al '897"), U.S. Patent No. 5,247,938 ("Silverstein et al '938"), U.S. Patent 6,464,708 ("Higuma et al. '708") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,433,216 ("Sugrue et al '216").

The cancellation of claims 19 – 28 render these rejections moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowance of claims 1 – 18.

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Summary

In view of the amendments and arguments presented, claims 1 – 18 should be allowable, this application should be in condition for allowance and a notice to that is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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